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TAGS: AODE, MILI, PINR, IT
SUBJECT: LOCATION OF DIST 65 AFOSI

1. IN A RECENT MESSAGE TO ALL AMBASSADORS, THE PRESIDENT
NOTED:

"THE SIZE OF OUR REPRESENTATION ABROAD MUST BE
RELATED TO A STRINGENT APPRAISAL OF POLICY AND
PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, AND THE NUMBER OF
PERSONNEL OF ALL AGENCIES MUST BE KEPT AT THE
MINIMUM NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE OUR OBJECTIVES.
I CONSIDER THIS TO BE ONE OF YOUR MOST IMPORTANT
GOALS."

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRESIDENT'S WISHES THIS EMBASSY
HAS BEEN EXAMINING THE SIZE AND FUNCTION OF ALL AGENCIES,
REPRESENTED IN ROME, THAT ARE EITHER DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE
TO THE AMBASSADOR OR WHOSE PRESENCE HAS AN IMPACT ON THE
CONDUCT OF OUR RELATIONS WITH ITALY. IT IS CLEAR
THAT SOME OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF OFFICIAL
AMERICAN AGENCIES ASSIGNED TO ROME HAVE NO DIRECT
AND PERSUASIVE NEED TO BE ESTABLISHED HERE AND COULD
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OPERATE AS EFFECTIVELY FROM OTHER LOCATIONS IN ITALY,
ELSEWHERE IN EUROPE OR THE UNITED STATES. DIST 65
AFOSI (13 PERSONNEL) AND ITS SUPPORT COMMUNICATIONS
ORGANIZATION THE 2187TH COMM. GRP. (6 PERSONNEL),
PRESENTLY ESTABLISHED AT ROME'S CIAMPINO AIRPORT, IS
ONE OF THOSE.

3. THE PRESENCE AT THIS MISSION OF A SUBORDINATE UNIT, AFOSI DET. 6505 (3 PERSONS), PERFORMING TASKS REQUIRING ACCESS TO AUTHORITIES IN THE CAPITAL CITY, SUGGESTS THAT ANY RESIDUAL SIMILAR FUNCTIONS OF THE CIAMPINO GROUP COULD BE ABSORBED BY THE DETACHMENT. THE EMBASSY WOULD SUPPORT THE INCREASE OF ONE POSITION AT THE DETACHMENT FOR THAT PURPOSE. THE DIST. 65 AFOSI AND THE 2187TH COMM. GRP. HOWEVER, SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED ELSEWHERE IN ITALY, PREFERABLY TO A MILITARY FACILITY, FROM WHICH IT CAN PERFORM ITS SUPERVISORY FUNCTION OVER AFOSI DETACHMENTS AND WHERE VISIBILITY IS LESS, ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE AND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES EXIST TO PERMIT REQUIRED TRAVEL WITHIN ITALY. WE BELIEVE AVIANO AIR BASE BEST MEETS THOSE CRITERIA.

4. WE ARE INFORMED THAT DIST. 65 AFOSI HAS BEEN ASKED BY ITALIAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES TO VACATE THE PREMISES PRESENTLY OCCUPIED. ASSUMING THAT FOSI CAN DELAY RELINQUISHING ITS PRESENT QUARTERS UNTIL THEN, WE RECOMMEND THAT THE TRANSFER OUT OF ROME TAKE PLACE IN THE SPRING OF 1978 DURING THE PEAK PERSONNEL EXCHANGE PERIOD TO AVOID UNNECESSARY DUPLICATIVE TRAVEL EXPENSE.

5. THE FOREGOING HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH LT. COL. CLIFFORT MOUTON, COMMANDER OF DIST. 65 AFOSI. COL. MOUTON FORE-
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SEES NO MAJOR IMPEDIMENTS PROVIDING HE HAS HQ. CONCURRENCE AND ADEQUATE OFFICE SPACE CAN BE PROVIDED BY THE SUPPORT MILITARY INSTALLATION. GARDNER

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